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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND SUBMISSION **UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 14, 2001 for the abovereferenced application a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 and a Submission are hereby presented. The period for response is extended through December 14, 2001 by the enclosed petition for extension by one month. Accordingly, please amend this application and consider the remarks as provided herein.

For the Examiner's convenience, presented immediately below is a clean version of the amended claims. A marked up version of the amended claims is included herein as Appendix A. Moreover, a clean version of all the pending claims is included herein as Appendix B.

n The Claims:

Rlease cancel, without prejudice and without surrender of any subject matter, claims 14, 5. 16 and 67-72.

- (Three Times Amended) A method for establishing cryptographic communications, 17.
- comprising the steps of:

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